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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MOROCCO-FMS CREDIT

1. (C) GOM PROPOSES TO UTILIZE AND REQUESTS APPROVAL FOR THE USE
OF FMS CREDIT AS FOLLOWS:

FY 75	DOLLARS
12 T-34C AIRCRAFT-DOWN PAYMENT	1,245,450
CURRENT LOCKHEED C-130 CONTRACT	1,105,480
6C-130H AIRCRAFT-DOWN PAYMENT	11,649,070
TOTAL:	14,000,000

FY 76	
C-130H MARCH PROGRESS PAYMENT	9,086,330
C-130H JULY PROGRESS PAYMENT	10,367,700
DRAGON-DOWN PAYMENT	10,545,970
TOTAL:	30,000,000

FY 77	
T-34C-FINAL PAYMENTS	3,736,350
C-130H-FINAL PAYMENTS	20,735,437
DRAGON PAYMENTS	5,528,213
TOTAL:	30,000,000

2. (C) ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (ADN) OFFICIALS INDI-
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CATE THAT THEY DESIRE AN INCREASE IN FY 77 FMS CREDIT TO COVER ALL

OF THE COST OF THE DRAGON ACQUISITION. THIS SHOULD MAKE A NEW TOTAL OF ABOUT \$70M. THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD BEST PURSUE THIS REQUEST THROUGH THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

3. (C) ADN OFFICIALS HAD NOT KNOW THAT FY 76 CREDIT AGREEMENT HAD NOT BEEN SIGNED. HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL INITIATE ACTION IMMEDIATELY ON THIS. THEY PROBABLY WILL GRANT THEIR AMBASSADOR AUTHORITY TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS IN WASHINGTON AS THEY DID LAST YEAR.

4. (C) EMBASSY HERE VIEWS THE PLANNED UTILIZATION OF FMS CREDIT AS NEARLY OPTIMUM. T-34'S AND C-130'S ARE NEAR TERM ACQUISITIONS AND THE C-130'S IN PARTICULAR ARE BADLY NEEDED. THE DRAGON LOA IS CURRENTLY BEFORE CONGRESS AND ASSUMING APPROVAL, THE DOWN PAYMENT WILL SOON BE REQUIRED. FUTURE PLANNED USE OF CREDIT ON THESE ITEMS IS TIME COMPATIBLE WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. IN THIS REGARD GOM HAS BEEN URGED TO COMPLETE THE FY 77 CREDIT AGREEMENTS PRIOR TO 1 OCT 77.
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